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November 6, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ

The Secretary of State

THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER

The Secetary of Defense

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM FRENCH SMITH

The Attorney General

SUBJECT:

Mariel Excludables (S)

Alternatives to return the Mariel excludables in concert with the repatriation of Cubans detained in Grenada do not appear feasible. It is important, however, that we proceed with plans to return as many of the excludables as possible to Cuba as soon as practicable. Given recent events, we should not be significantly concerned with the impact this will have on our relations with Cuba. (TS)

The Secretary of State in coordination with the Secretary of Defense and the Attorney General will prepare a plan for returning Mariel excludables to Cuba. This plan will be forwarded for my approval by November 21, 1983. The plan should allow for implementation by December 7, 1983. In order to preclude adverse response by the Castro regime, stringent security safeguards should be maintained by all involved. (TS)

Ronald Reagan

cc: The Honorable William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

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